

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 86
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Wilson County Fair upon earning the distinction of 2002 Champion for the Triple A Division of County Fairs.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to pay tribute to those events that provide education and entertainment to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Fair is one such event, which was recently recognized by the Triple A Division of County Fairs as the 2002 Champion Fair; and

WHEREAS, only through the diligent work and true dedication of the staff and 434 volunteers and the support of businesses, civic groups, and organizations throughout Wilson County and beyond could the Fair have reached such levels of continued success; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Fair has been recognized for its commitment to growth and improvement; this year, the Fair increased its entertainment options, added nightly fireworks, improved parking, increased its number of featured craftsmen, and expanded the grounds area, the results of which were significantly increased attendance and the high praises of fair patrons; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Wilson County Fair, in conjunction with this year's 434 volunteers, contributed almost 47,000 hours throughout the year in order to assure the success of the event; and

WHEREAS, a number of civic groups and businesses in the area cooperated with Fair organizers to offer a wide range of participatory events, all of which were greatly appreciated by fairgoers; these activities included the Martha White Cornbread Challenge, an Old Time Medicine Show, a Town Hall Mayor of the Day contest, a Fairest of the Fair Mother/Daughter Tea, a crochet contest, and several commercial exhibits; and

WHEREAS, patrons were encouraged to learn through such exhilarating live demonstrations as historical re-enactments, the reconstruction of a log cabin, pioneer cooking, cow milking, ham cookery, butter churning, hominy making, spinning, weaving, numerous livestock shows, youth and adult livestock and dairy judging contests, and a barbecue cook-off; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Wilson County fair also worked assiduously to ensure a bright future for the event, encouraging involvement and providing leadership training to a youth board of over sixty teenagers; and

WHEREAS, as part of the continuing efforts to expand and enhance the Wilson County Fair, over the past year organizers purchased an additional 66 acres of land, paved the midway area, upgraded electrical systems throughout the grounds, and built three new buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Fair also made numerous additions to the popular Fiddlers Grove village, including a Town Hall, a hardware store, and a service station; this village allows visitors an exciting chance to learn about and discuss life as it was many years ago; and

WHEREAS, the award of the 2002 Triple A Division Champion Fair recognizes the continuous efforts of the Wilson County Fair toward improvement and success; in its twenty-eight years of operation, the Fair has been named Most Improved in 1984; State Champion in

1986; Sweepstakes Champion in 1989; Triple A Division Champion in 1992, 1993, 1997, and 1999; and Champion of Champions in 2000; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body pause to acknowledge and applaud the hard work and dedication of the Fair's staff and volunteers in their ceaseless endeavors to improve the week-long occasion for education and entertainment that is the Wilson County Fair; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the staff and volunteers of the Wilson County Fair for their tremendous service to the people of Wilson County, congratulate them upon the Fair's most deserved recognition as the 2002 Triple A Division Champion Fair, and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.